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The Office Action issued September 24, 2003 has been received and its contents have been carefully noted.

Claim 6 (which was identical to claim 2) was amended to depend from claim 7.

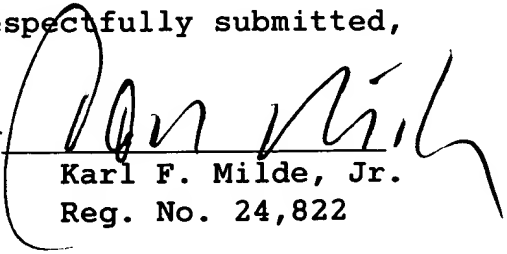
Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims directed to Species A, which is shown in Figs. 1-3.

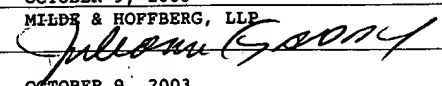
Claims 1-14 are readable on this Species.

This election is being made without traverse, with the understanding that claims 15 and 16, which are drawn to Species B shown in Figs. 4 and 5, may be made the subject of a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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